Loans to Rajasthan by NABARD

3219. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD has approved/sanctioned any loans to Rajasthan under its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)—XI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this loan would be used for construction of irrigation projects, new roads and bridges etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total financial assistance that has so far been made available by this bank during the current financial year for development of infrastructure in Rajasthan;

(f) whether there are any proposals from Rajasthan, pending consideration with NABARD/Centre in above context, at present; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) NABARD has sanctioned loans aggregating to Rs. 605.12 crore under RIDF—XI to Government of Rajasthan. The purpose-wise details of loans sanctioned under RIDF—XI in Rajasthan are as follows:

Type of Projects	No. of Projects	Amount of Loan *(Rs. in crore)*
Minor Irrigation	23	100.47
Major Irrigation	2	68.70
Flood Protection	1	16.77
Rain-Water Harvesting	923	97.15
Roads	1367	243.46
Rural Drinking Water	1	68.57
Village Knowledge Centres	1000	10.00
TOTAL :	3317	605.12

(e) The process of project appraisal is in progress and as such no projects have so far been sanctioned for any State including Rajasthan in the current financial year (2006-07).

(f) and (g) Yes, the details of the proposals received from Rajasthan for consideration under RIDF are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Project	Loan Amt.	Status
748 Roads	167.17	All the projects are
School Projects	23.01	under process. They
100 Roads	43.03	will be considered for
Rural Drinking Water Supply-Jawai	86.75	sanction during the
Rural Drinking Water-Dholpur	50.00	current financial year
233 Water Harvesting Project - PH-III	35.18	subject to technical
12 MIS projects including Restoration of 5 water bodies.	46.75	feasibility and economic viability of the
Bhikabhai Sagwara Canal Project-PH-II	26.58	projects.

RBI's proposal for doorstep banking

3220. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI plans a big push for doorstep banking;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this will help the rural banking system in the country to bring the rural population with the banking system especially in the most backward region of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the announcement in the Budget Speech for 2005-06 on the need to use Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as agents for extension of banking services to the rural and un-banked